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19th February 2020

Senator Flexer, Representative Fox, Ranking Members Sampson and Mastrofrancesco and distinguished Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

My name is Garrett Sullivan and I am a voter in East Haven. I strongly believe that the right to vote is the most fundamental right in any democracy, and therefore it should be *guaranteed* and *protected* for all. Please support the following commonsense, bipartisan measures in the 2021 legislative session, which will make Connecticut a national leader in voter access and voting rights:

1. Count incarcerated persons at their last home address, which will create legislative districts which are fair, equitable, and inclusive (SB 753)
2. Give persons returning from prison every opportunity to register to vote and/or vote at the earliest possible time, so their voices may be counted at the polls (HB 5318)
3. Modernize election administration to ensure accessibility and safety for voters, as well as accuracy and security of ballots (SB 1017)
4. Create a municipal election monitor (SB 1014)
5. Codify into state law and *expand* Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) beyond the Department of Motor Vehicles to other state agencies. HB 6578 will save taxpayer money, automatically update voter rolls, and help increase democratic participation. This bill is a good start, but please improve it by expanding AVR which 77% of Connecticut voters support, beyond the DMV
  - a. Restore the right to vote to people re-entering their communities on parole (also HB 6578)

The people of Connecticut had a mandate in 2020; to reform our democracy through legislative measures such as these.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Garrett Sullivan**

East Haven